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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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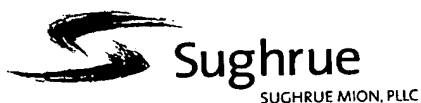
Re: Application of Masahiro MAEDA, Isao INABA, and Masanori NAKATA
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
Assignee: **SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION**
Our Ref. Q78074

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising sixty-one (61) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and twenty-one (21) sheets of drawings. **The requisite U.S. Government filing fee, copies of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>23</u> - 20	= <u>3</u> x	\$18.00 =	<u>\$54.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>4</u> - 3	= <u>1</u> x	\$86.00 =	<u>\$86.00</u>
Base Fee				\$770.00
TOTAL FEE				<u>\$910.00</u>



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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	2002-303904	October 18, 2002
JAPAN	2002-303905	October 18, 2002
JAPA	2002-303906	October 18, 2002
JAPAN	2002-303907	October 18, 2002

The priority documents will be filed at a later date.

Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Saturday the filing of this application on Monday, October 20, 2003 is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,
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